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that we have now put together, and it is delicately balanced. When that much work has been done on a bill, especially when I've had to work on it too, I'm not in favor, especially this late in the game, of putting something else into it that can upset, I shouldn't say the applecart, because I've called it an egg crate, that would upset the egg crate. This bill was not prioritized obviously. We're on Select File in the latter stages of the session, so I'm going to vote against this amendment. If this were just an ordinary bill moving along and somebody wanted to offer an amendment and the body agreed with it, fine. And if they agree with this one, fine. But I'm expressing my opposition because this bill is somewhat different from the routine bill, it represents a painful piece of work having been accomplished. And the casual adding of amendments at this stage is not what I deem to be a prudent course for the body to take, therefore I'm going to vote against this amendment.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Further debate? Senator Kiel, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

**SENATOR KIEL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, again I would remind my colleagues that this is...hopefully nobody considers this to be a Johnny-come-lately kind of amendment, because it is something that I've been working on for two years. It is something that I believe in very strongly. It is grassroots, it is intended to provide for funding for groups of people that normally are very responsive in providing for their sweat and tears and their own money to try to do small projects. It is a bill, as I am...as I have worked on it in the Legislature, that's been presented a couple different times. It was voted out of Urban Affairs this year and it has had a number of public hearings, two public hearings, as they were bills, and also a public hearing because we brought it as an interim study to make sure that this was the kind of initiative that we thought would benefit Nebraskans. And I emphasize the word "Nebraskans" because this is intended to benefit both rural and urban Nebraskans. And, as I have said before, it's not a whole lot of money in the grand and glorious scheme of things, especially considering the kind of money that we have been willing to spend in this Legislature, this year. It is \$50,000; it is \$50,000 that will be applied for with the